

Martin and Mary's Family

Martin went to college at the Citadel and met Mary while she was still in high school. When she entered college at Furman, she and Martin renewed their friendship and were married in February 1955 just after she completed her degree work. Martin ended his active duty in the Army and entered the University of Virginia School of Law. It was while they were in Charlottesville that their first son Patrick was born. After graduation, Martin and Mary moved to West Palm Beach, FL where he went into practice and where the other children were born.

Patrick was born in October, 1956 in Charlottesville, VA as noted above. He attended school in W. Palm Beach and then went to Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida. His degree was in Political Science. He went to law school at Florida State University in Tallahassee and he practices law in W. Palm Beach.. He married Joy Ann Tonkery in 1988. In 2001 they adopted a little girl from China and named her Amelia Joy. Patrick specializes in personal injury trial practice and lives in the W. Palm Beach area.

The second son, Michael was born in 1959 and like Patrick attended school in W. Palm Beach. He went to college at Mercer University in Macon, Georgia and graduated with a BA degree in Psychology. Michael worked for many years as a property manager in South Carolina and Florida. Eventually he opened a granite fabricating business near Birmingham, Alabama. Michael married Suzanne Brooks Soles in Jacksonville, FL in January 1983 and their first son, Ethan was born just before Christmas that same year. They had two more sons, Franklin and Cooper born in 1989 and 1993. In 2006 Ethan graduated from Auburn University in Alabama with a BA degree in Business Administration and Finance. The family currently live in Birmingham, AL.

Georgiana, Martin and Mary's oldest daughter, was born in 1962. She attended schools in W. Palm Beach. She was a student at Mercer University for two years and transferred to Florida State University where she earned a BS degree in Marketing. In 1995 she married Armand Joseph Pasano. They divorced five years later. Georgiana has had numerous experiences merchandising and marketing. She has been a merchandising coordinator and an assistant store manager for popular clothing brands. Also, she has worked in the health field as a business development specialist for companies providing nursing and rehab care for patients. She now sells real estate in Palm Beach County.

Mary Kathleen, the second daughter was born in 1965. Like the others she attended schools in W. Palm Beach and graduated from Mercer University earning a BA degree with double majors in Psychology and English. She attended a local community college and earned an AS degree in nursing. In 1992 she married James Randall (Randy) Byrd. They have two children, a son, Peyton, born in 1996 and a daughter, Madison, born in 1999. Kathleen worked as a hospital nurse and now works in the school system as a school nurse. The family is currently in the process of moving to Punta Gorda, FL, where Randy has recently bought a flooring business.